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Newport News will build bigger ships and more of 'em.

Everybody is saying that "meat is too high." Except the butcher.

The new year had a narrow escape in not being born on Friday.—New York World.

An exchange says that "New Jersey is mother to trusts," and well she may be since they pay her \$4,000,000 annually in fees.

Notwithstanding her perpetual politics-imbroglio, Norfolk looks 1903 full in the face cheerfully and hopefully.

Lynchburg is to have a new hotel and a real up-to-date restaurant. What a wide-open door there is in the Hill City for a Rueger.

It is said that South Africa wants 60,000 good American mules for farming purposes. Texas has 'em, and to spare.

The Washington Star suggests to Mr. Marconi to follow his wireless telegraphy with coalless heat. And so say we all.

China is paying its second instalment of indemnity in silver. Good enough, the goldbug to the contrary notwithstanding.

Some one has well said that the great drop in meat has been reported in places where it would do us any good to know.

The upward trend in wages is one of the glad greetings of the new year. When the laborer makes money he is ready to spend it.

Richmond folks eat 15,000 "old hares" each day, and that may in part account for the fact that Richmond folks have the daily "hustle" on.

If social clubs are in the habit of selling liquors on Sunday their doors should be as firmly sealed on that day as are those of the bar rooms.

There are already four anti-trust bills offered in Congress, and the trusts are no more concerned than if bouquets were being thrown at them.

The White House has been renovated at a cost of \$600,000, a sum sufficient to have built it brand new from top to bottom.

Ex-President Cleveland and Governor Montague are both duck hunters, the difference between them being that the Ex-President never catches cold, while the latter does.

Max Nordau closed the year by predicting wide-world calamities. All we did of the pessimistic sort was to spell Republican prosperity with a "little bit" of a p.

Uncle Sam is on speaking terms with Hawaii. The junk shops won't hold the old wires when the Marconi system becomes general.

Mr. Rockefeller will not escape the "disgrace of dying rich" if everything he donates a million the price of oil advances so as to make him two millions.

The N. Y. World advises "swearing off on the instalment plan." Yellow journalism never made suggestion more fraught with evil. Quit and be done with it or you will not quit at all.

If you want to get rich quick suppose you give to the world a better ship than that of the other fellow, and go to the St. Louis Exposition and demand the \$100,000 capital prize.

Hon. Wm. Jennings Bryan and family have been touring through Mexico, and securing ovations as they have gone on their way. Easy to beat as presidential candidate but always victor as private citizen.

The so-called Gospel sermon of which the Richmond Times seemingly speaks would mean empty pews and penniless stragglers.—Norfolk County Democrat.

You are all wrong, brother. The sensational sermon may do for a season, but "Christ and him crucified" will never lose its power.

And now Edison says: "Medicine is played out. Every new discovery of bacteria shows us all the more convincingly that we have been wrong and that the million tons of stuff we have taken was all useless." Dr. Upshur, of Richmond, will take the Wizard in hand.

We are not as optimistic on the subject of "diffused prosperity" as is our neighbor, the Richmond Times, but if it is indeed abroad in the land and has been during 1902, we don't know why Russell Sage should limit its operations to 1903. Why not let it roll on ever more?

Now for earnest work, brothers of the legislature. You have had a good time at home and turkey too. Virginia expects every man of you to do his duty. We want to see the constitutional machine in good working order before the Wise-Hayes combination "busts" it all to pieces.

To our much respected brother of the Spirit of the Valley, we beg to say that we had no thought of Bryan or of free silver either when we used the little p in spelling present prosperity, and yet the offender we write it just so often we hunt for a smaller p. Not that the country has gone to the bad, or that we are in need of the comforts of life, but that it is a mistake to think that Republican times are the best times for the great body of the people.

With Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, the Philippines and Americanized Africa on his hands, Uncle Sam would do well to hands off the Venezuela muddle. He is a debt-paying old gentleman and can with great propriety say to his little neighbor, "settle up."

County judges have one more year to live (officially) but then the legislative, congressional, senatorial, ambassadorial, cabinet and Presidential possibilities are right to hand, and no man of them need go without a job. Many of them have been "ins" for a long time and ought to have the "ins" on securing places and holding on to power.

The Richmond Times to the contrary still insist that "Mars Bob" and Traveller look lonesome out in the old field near Richmond, and as proof of this we refer to the effort now being made to remove them to the Capitol Square. There are more houses, and schools and churches in Richmond than we have in Farmville but they are not neighbors of the Lee Monument.

The Suffolk Herald has entered upon its 31st year and makes this announcement:

"As the Herald enters upon its thirty-first year it will be our earnest effort to make it the best of its history, and by a faithful discharge of duty we hope to merit the continued good-will and patronage of our many subscribers."

Our worthy contemporary always carries a bright, cheerful face, and as local paper is peerless. We join in the wish that the year 1903 may be the "best of its history."

It was noted of a man who recently died in New York State that he had lived all his life of eighty-seven years in one place. That is a remarkable feat in these moving and movable times.—Baltimore American.

And it is just as remarkable that the distinguished New York lawyer, Hon. W. M. Everts, who lived to be about the same age of the above "one-place" personality, should have attributed his longevity to the fact that he scrupulously refrained from taking exercise.

All the property of the commonwealth is pledged for the education of all its youth up to such a point as will save them from poverty and vice, and prepare them for the adequate performance of all their social and civic duties. To rob the children of today, or those of the future, of the opportunity for an education is, then, the greatest crime of which the State can be guilty. —Chas. W. Dabney.

The late Rev. R. L. Dabney, D. D., father of the author of the above statement, was in his day reckoned as one of the foremost thinkers, and yet he bittely opposed free schools. Doctors will differ.

It is simply outside our comprehension to appreciate why it is that Mr. Roosevelt continues to say nice things of the South, the University of Virginia, William and Mary and other of her institutions, and then proceed to make appointments to positions of honor and of trust, which outrage nine-tenths of the decent people of the communities where the appointments are to serve.

We are not going to decide between the Democracy of the Richmond Dispatch, Times and News until after the next Democratic convention, State or National, has given its banner to the breeze. Then the soldier that gets nearest to it and lifts it highest in mid-air, and keeps it there shall have our vote for the "well-done."

THE HAGUE COURT.

In view of the certainty that the Venezuelan question will be submitted to the Hague Arbitration Court it is of interest to know how that court is to be constituted. The powers which look part in the Hague conference reached an agreement that each of them—fourteen in number—should select four jurists of acknowledged ability, with international law, and that when any controversy should arise, four of these should be selected to try the case, two by each of the parties in dispute, and that these four should select a fifth as umpire, who should preside over the court. Of course these judges are not to be taken from the countries engaged in the controversy; because they are not to be expected to be impartial.—Lynchburg News.

MAN OR WOMAN?

One hundred of Dr. Harper's girls at the University of Chicago have answered the pertinently impertinent question of an editor who asked which they would rather be, men or women. Eighty-one of the girls stick loyally to petticoats, one wavers according to circumstances and eighteen would frankly like to be men. Of the eighty-one, thirty-four express aspirations to be wives and mothers, while nine would be "noble, womanly women."

Dear sisters, when we remember that none of you know what a "protest" means, we congratulate you that you were made to wear "petticoats" and not coats just so.

THE RICHMOND NEWS AGAIN?

Our esteemed contemporary comes back to us, and repeats that the big fellow has a perfect right to borrow all the money necessary to promote his big schemes, while the little fellow, to be "independent," should pay for his. Goas further and says that the thrifty laborer can always command all the money he needs, and therefore there is no excuse for not always having the ready cash on hand. In the same issue of the News we learn that \$25,000 is due the laborers of the Trigg Company, and that no one is authorized to pay them. In another paper we read that the land sharks are after these worthy men, and that they will be forced to submit to a cut into their hard-earned wages of at least 25 per cent, or go hungry.

Mr. J. Skelton Williams, in like storm, would find some four-per-cent port into which to rest secure against the financial fury. It is idle to say that a man who can give the security isn't as much entitled to borrow a dollar as the other fellow to borrow a million. And what a "good time" the day laborer would have if he could only "water" his wages as Morgan does his stocks.

Another strange beast is reported by a correspondent of the Richmond Times. This time the disturbance is in the neighborhood of Jones' Mill, in Prince Edward county; and "so fierce is the strange thing that dogs will run the tracks, but when they catch a glimpse of the beast they refuse to go any farther." This is puzzling at first, but it is possible that something else than ferocity may stop the dogs.

This possibility is strengthened by the correspondent's reference to the "critter" as a wildcat, for want of a better name, and by the description of the animal thus designated as "being the size of a dog and shaped like a coconut." If it were not the assertion that the perambulating coconut "has killed two dogs," we should be certain that there is a grown-up pole-kitten in the good county of Prince Edward. It would be hard for one of these outcasts to get that close to any dog with working olfactory equipment, even if the dog were asleep.—Norfolk Landmark.

The "critter" is still at large.

Attorney-General Knox is out in a long letter devoted to his views, and those of the President as is generally conceded, on the subject of trusts, and this is about the sum and substance of what he says—hit 'em but don't hurt 'em. The fact is death to trusts would mean death to the G. O. P. and neither Mr. President nor Mr. Knox is ready for that.

UNPARDONABLE SIN.

The Press of Newport News says it is Chamberlin and not Chamberlain. Thanks. Strange that a man who won his reputation by filling stomachs should not have so filled the world with his fame that even the "devil" would not have indulged in the use of a superfluous letter in giving his name to print.

Stuart Monument.

Editor Herald:—Some weeks ago, at a meeting of the Stuart Monument Association, in Richmond, at which were present many of the most distinguished men of the State to take steps to insure the early building of an Equestrian Statue to Major General J. E. B. Stuart, the ablest Cavalryman of the late war, who sacrificed his life in defense of Richmond, at Yellow Tavern in 1864, at which meeting I ventured to pledge Prince Edward county for \$100. I now call upon all the citizens of this county to help me make good this pledge, by contributing to this fund. I especially call upon every living member of the Cavalry in this vicinity to help me, and more especially do I beg the Daughters of the Confederacy to lend me their valuable assistance.

I suggest that all contributions be made to our Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Ewing, who was a most gallant member of the Prince Edward troop, and who I hope will accept this appointment as Treasurer to this fund.

A. R. VENABLE, JR.,
Member Executive Committee, Stuart Monument Association.

Major Venable's plea is in behalf of a most laudable undertaking, and our hope is that it may meet with a ready and liberal response from readers of the Herald.—[Ed.]

Sam Jones must be pretty well acquainted with newspapers and their methods, favoring taking the bridge off and letting them run.

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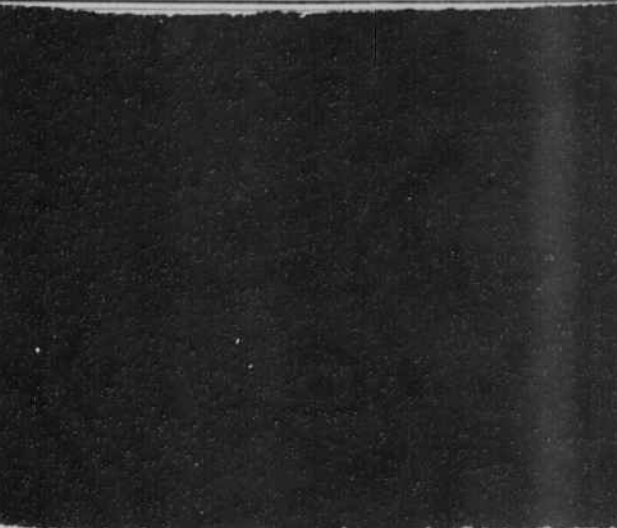
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